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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

REVISED AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of May 24, 2006*

III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- A. BONNIE STERLING** – *Appointed by MPO Board Chairman Joe A. Martinez*
- B. JAMES L. BLEDSOE** – *Appointed by MPO Board Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss*
- C. DR. CLAUDIUS A. CARNEGIE** – *Appointed by MPO Board Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss*
- D. ALAN FISHMAN** – *Appointed by MPO Board Member Richard L. Steinberg*
- E. DAVID REITER** – *Appointed by MPO Board Member Sally Heyman*

IV. SPECIAL AWARD CEREMONY

- A. RESOLUTION 11-06 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MR. MIKE HATCHER FOR HIS TIME, EFFORT, AND MANY CONTRIBUTIONS HE HAS MADE OVER THE YEARS TO THE CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC) ESPECIALLY IN THE CAPACITY OF CHAIR FROM 2004 - 2006**

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker*

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 10-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) 2006 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) UPDATE**
- B. 79th STREET PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT STUDY** – *Rene Dehuelbes, P.E., FDOT District VI Project Manager*

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) METRORAIL/METROBUS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (BUS BRIDGES)**



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VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

**IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO
TRANSPORTATION**

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	7/12/06
CTAC Full Committee	7/26/06
MPO Governing Board	No Meeting
TPC	No Meeting
TPTAC	No Meeting
BPAC	No Meeting
TARC	7/12/06
FTAC	No Meeting

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Director of MDT
Harpal Kapoor, Deputy Director MDT
Ruby Adams, MDT
Gregory Robinson, MDT
D. Gordon, MDT
Richard Snedden, MDT
Ferry Grant, MDT
Bonnie Todd, MDT
Michelle Simmons, MDT
Sara J. Cason, MDT
Mario G Garcia, MDT
Albert Hernandez, MDT

Robert Carballo, C3TS/FDOT
Rene Dehuelbes, FDOT D6
Delfin Molins, PWD
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT
Bobbie Mumford, NCCAC
Joes R. Gonzalez, City of Miami
Mike Hatcher, Citizen
Wilbur Coleman, W.G.G.A
Gladys McArthur, W.G.G.A

Norman Wartman, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Naomi Wright moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Emma Pringle. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Barbara Walters. During discussion, Dr. Claudius A. Carnegie pointed out that the verbiage concerning items one and two were reversed: “minutes” is under agenda and “agenda” is under Minutes. Upon being put to a vote with the amendment, the motion passed unanimously.

Since he was absent at the May 24th CTAC meeting, Ramon Ramos requested an amendment to the April 24, 2006 minutes to expand the discussion during the public comment section where he had a discussion with MDT’s Mario Garcia about the Metrorail traveling along the north side of SR-836. Lee Swerdlin then requested both sides of the argument be inserted. The Chair decided to table the item to allow the Secretariat to listen to the meeting tape and place the amended minutes on the next full CTAC meeting agenda for approval.

III. CTAC MEMBER UPDATE

- Kenneth Carsto Resigned – Appointed By MPO Board Chairman Richard Steinberg
- Bonnie Sterling – Appointed By MPO Board Chairman Joe A. Martinez
- James L. Bledsoe – Appointed By MPO Board Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss
- Dr. Claudius A. Carnegie – Appointed By MPO Board Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss
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- David Reiter – Appointed By MPO Board Member Sally Heyman

V. SPECIAL AWARD CEREMONY

CTAC Officers presented former Chair, Mike Hatcher, with a plaque and Resolution 11-06 recognizing and commending him for his time, effort, and many contributions he has made over the years to the Committee especially in the capacity of chair from 2004 – 2006.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wilbur Coleman and Gladys McArthur, citizens from the West Golden Glades Association (W.G.G.A.), shared their concerns about the North Corridor Metrorail’s “zig-zag” alignment. They both suggested that the rail be constructed going down the middle of the street. They feel that the current alignment will take away a shopping center, produce noise pollution, and cost more money.

Bobbie Mumford, North Corridor Community Advisory Committee (CAC) member, discussed the process of the development of the North Corridor Metrorail alignment. Ms. Mumford explained that there have been many meetings in the community since 1994 and that all citizens have been invited to express their opinions. The alignment was approved in 1999 by the North Corridor CAC representing the community.

Naomi Wright, community citizen, also confirmed that she attended that meeting in 1999 that approve the alignment of the rail. Ms. Wright does not want that Metrorail to go down the middle of the street, because it damages the community as a whole.

Emma Pringle, community citizen, expressed that she has attended the majority of the meetings from 1994 until present. Ms. Pringle is against the alignment going down the middle of the street. Ms. Pringle stated that the majority of the community supports the current Metrorail alignment.

The Chair sent this item to be placed on a future subcommittee agenda. Lee Swerdlin requested the minutes, attendance sheets, or any other material that would be helpful be made available at the designated meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 10-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) 2006 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) UPDATE

Mario Garcia, MDT Chief of the Transit Planning Division, explained that every year MDT seeks endorsement from CTAC for the TDP to encourage the MPO Governing Board to endorse MDT's five year plan. The TDP is a five year plan of projects that have been identified as improvements in Metrobus, Metrorail, and STS services within the community. The TDP is a status report projecting improvements that need to be completed to improve transportation in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Garcia also reviewed some of the specific projects that they are looking at improving.

Carline Paul moved for the endorsement of the TDP and the motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. 79th STREET PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT STUDY

Rene Dehuelbes, P.E., FDOT District VI Project Manager, introduced Project Manager Robert Carballa. Mr. Carballo presented the following key issues:

- SR-934 Corridor History
- 79th Street Existing Conditions
- 81st/82nd Street Existing Condition
- Livable Corridor Study
- City Of Miami Corridor Planning Concepts
- PD&E Alternatives
- Capacity and Mobility Issues
- SR-934 Travel Time Delay
- Implementation Strategy
- Parking Study
- Capacity Transit Alternative 1
- Capacity Transit Alternative 2
- Capacity Transit Alternative 3

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the floor for questions, concerns, and comments. CTAC members expressed the presentation had too much information to enable members to make a recommendation and would like more clarification on the item.

Frank Hernandez made a motion to send the item to subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Andrew Burgess. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) METRORAIL/METROBUS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (BUS BRIDGES)

Harpal Kapoor, MDT Deputy Director, introduced Greg Robinson, General Superintendent of Rail Transportation, who gave an overview of the logistics, improvements, and the operations of the bus bridges. A bus bridge is a provided emergency alternative to Metrorail/Metromover service delays, emergency, security threats, and bus malfunctions. Buses are deployed to that particular area 15 minutes after attempts are made to resolve the situation at hand. After providing an overview of bus bridge operations, Mr. Robinson opened up the floor for questions. Derrick Gordon, MDT General Superintendent, was also present to address any questions, concerns, or issues raised. The following suggestions were made by CTAC members:

- Supervisors need to be on hand at the bus bridges to assist citizens.
- Bus operators should have general maps from the Metrorail.
- A high tech communication system should be employed to communicate delays to citizens.
- Provide police escorts for buses to get through traffic easier.
- Provide more training for the supervisors to deal with agitated citizens.
- School buses should be considered as an emergency back-up plan.
- Public address system needs to be clearer.

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VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Chair, Norman Wartman, reported the following:

- The July 12th Aviation Subcommittee CTAC meeting will be held at the Kendal Tamiami Airport with the tour starting at 4pm followed by the meeting starting at 5:30pm.
- The July 26th Full Committee will be held at the City of Homestead City Hall
- A Florida safety summit will be held on Friday at 8am at the Hyatt Regency.
- BPAC is host a Livable Community Workshop on Friday, July 21st 2006 from 8am – 4am
- The FDOT IV Regional partnership is conducting a South Florida East Cost Corridor transit analysis study. FDOT is holding a public workshop on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at Glen Margolis.
- The following Subcommittee positions are vacant:
 - Transit Subcommittee – Vice Chair
 - Elderly and Disable - Vice Chair
 - Aviation Subcommittee – Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Maritime Subcommittee – Chair

The Chair asked for those who are interested please contact the Secretariat.

IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Pringle attended a CAD meeting regarding the North Corridor Metrorail project. There was a demonstration on what the Metrorail would look like going down University Dr. towards County Line Road. According to Ms. Pringle the citizens enjoyed watching the animated scenario.

X. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

Andrew Burgess would like to train schedules to be placed at all Metrorail stations on the first floor on a central bulletin board.

Barbara Walters says the signs need to be replaced on the Metromover's Outer Loop. The sign says the Brickell Loop becomes part of the Outer Loop after 7 PM. However, the Brickell Loop remains separate after that time. She also informed the Committee that new MDT posters were distributed with the wrong phone number. Finally, the new customer service phone message provides an approximation for a customer's hold time, but it is often way off. For example, it will say your wait time will be approximately 3 minutes, but it will actually be 12 minutes.

Norman Wartman would like to the possibility of increasing the surtax to a penny and what the ramifications, both positive and negative, would be of such an increase.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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